

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
UTILITY SERVICE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

A Special Meeting of the Utility Service Board of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall in Jasper at 3:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 2005.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Chairman Greg Krodel, who presided.

**UPON CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:**

Greg A. Krodel – Chairman  
Mike Harder – Vice Chairman  
Ken Sendelweck – Secretary  
Michael A. Schwenk – Electric Commissioner  
Jeffrey S. Theising – Water Commissioner  
Edward J. Kreilein – Wastewater Commissioner  
Alex Emmons – Gas Commissioner

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Jerry Schitter – Electric Distribution Manager  
Windell Toby – Electric Generation Manager  
Thomas A. Lents – Wastewater Manager  
Michael A. Oeding – Gas & Water Manager  
Kenneth R. Schultz – Business Manager  
Sandy Hemmerlein – City Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (B-9)

Chairman Krodel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTHWOOD & PORTERSVILLE LIFT STATIONS** (B-31)

Chairman Krodel stated the purpose of the meeting is to approve improvements to the Northwood and Portersville lift stations, based on the results of the capacity study by Commonwealth of the northwest collection system.

Tom Lents presented the projected costs for upgrading the Northwood and Portersville lift stations. Due to the length of delivery time, Lents asked for approval to proceed with the purchase of 4 pumps, 2 for each lift station, at a not to exceed price of \$79,288.00 from Fairbanks-Morse. Lents explained the price of the pumps includes the VFD controls, but he is investigating purchasing the VFD controls from another source other than the pump supplier, which may allow for additional savings.

Ed Kreilein made a motion to allow Tom Lents to proceed with purchasing 4 pumps at a not to exceed price of \$79,288.00 from Fairbanks-Morse for the Northwood and Portersville lift stations. Ken Sendelweck seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Ken Sendelweck commended Tom Lents, Ed Kreilein, Chad Hurm, and the Wastewater Planning Committee for their diligence in researching all options for the lift station upgrades.

**CONNECTION FEES** (B-238)

Ken Schultz stated the Wastewater Planning Committee has also been discussing the possibility of increasing the sewer connection fees from \$750 to \$950, which funds the Interceptor Improvement Fund, which in turn funds projects such as upgrading lift stations. Schultz explained the fund allows us to pay for projects out of pocket versus bonding, which eliminates those projects from having an impact on future rate studies.

Schultz said the connection fee was last increased approximately 7-8 years ago and over that period the Interceptor Improvement Fund has accumulated to approximately \$425,000.

Schultz asked the Board to consider the increase and asked for approval to prepare a resolution to be presented at the next Utility Service Board meeting.

Jeff Theising made a motion to allow Ken Schultz to prepare a resolution, to be presented at the next Utility Service Board meeting, to increase sewer connection fees from \$750 to \$950. Mike Schwenk seconded the motion. Motion approved, 7-0.

Mike Schwenk asked Ken Schultz to estimate how much we would generate per year with the proposed new rate, based historically on the number of new hook-ups and new connections. Schultz agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM upon motion by Jeff Theising and second by Ed Kreilein. Motion approved, 7-0.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

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Chairman